

Briefly

Thanksgiving Service & Social

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service and dessert social will be held 7 p.m., Wednesday at the base chapel. All are invited to attend.

Finance closure

The 49th Comptroller Squadron will be closed from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., today for a commander's call/Thanksgiving celebration. For emergencies, call 491-4845.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

It's hammer time

Airman 1st Class Ignacio Hernandez torques a MAU-169 H/B guidance control unit onto a loaded GBU-27/B laser-guided bomb in support of the 8th Aircraft Maintenance Unit's annual assessment, Combat Hammer. Combat Hammer is an air-ground weapon system evaluation program that assesses the 8th AMU's capabilities to deliver munitions to the targets.

DDR offers 'prescription' for drug abuse

by Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

Members of the 49th Fighter Wing Drug Demand Reduction Program are reminding Team Holloman personnel to "just say no" to drugs.

This reminder comes in the form of random drug tests.

There are at least eight random testing days every month. The DDR office uses an Air Force-wide software program that randomly selects the testing days and creates a random list of names. An individual may be tested frequently or rarely, but regardless of the number of times an individual is selected, they must be tested.

"Random testing deters drug use,"

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Air Force board game debuts Dec. 1

by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

A new game is scheduled to hit the shelves of base exchanges Dec. 1 when the Army and Air Force Exchange Service introduces Air Force Edition Monopoly.

"This is a one-of-a-kind board game dedicated to the men and women of the United States Air Force," said Chris Burton, of the exchange service.

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High: 73
Low: 38
TODAY



High: 69
Low: 42
SATURDAY



High: 56
Low: 36
SUNDAY



High: 50
Low: 24
MONDAY

DUI Update

Days since last DUI:	5	Last six DUIs:
DUIs year to date:	5	• 49 AMXS Nov. 16
DUIs this time last year:	6	• 49 CES Nov. 12
		• 49 MXS Nov. 4
		• 49 OSS Oct. 18
		• 49 CES Oct. 16
		• 49 SFS Sept. 6

572-RIDE works!
Calls MADE are lives SAVED.

Calls:
Year to date: 85
Last week: 21

(The DWI and 572-RIDE statistics reflect FY 2004. The * denotes a family member or civilian employee.)

Holloman Chapel Services — 572-7214

- Weekday Masses** — 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Sunday — Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
• Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.
• Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. at HAFB Intermediate School.

49th Fighter Wing Commander's Access Channel

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The commander's access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- **Air Force Television News:** 6, 9 and 11 a.m.; 2, 5 and 7 p.m.
- **This is Team Holloman:** 7 a.m. and 12, 3 and 6 p.m.



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COMMENTARY

The passenger's sacrifice

by **Staff Sgt. Jeramie Brown**
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Like most Americans, I find that I am pretty selfish sometimes. I learned just how selfish on a recent trip to Iraq. I was sitting on a C-130 Hercules waiting to leave a location I can't spell or pronounce, when we got delayed. I was annoyed. I'd been traveling for hours trying to get to my destination and here we were, stuck in some out-of-the-way place and I was hot, tired and ready to get there already. Then it happened. I found out we were waiting on another passenger.

I didn't know his name. I say 'his' but I didn't know if he was actually a he or a she. I didn't know what branch of service he was in or what rank he was. All I knew was that this passenger cost me another hour and a half on that plane.

Little did I know how profound an impact "The Passenger" would have on me. You see, this passenger that we had to wait on, who delayed our trip and annoyed me and the other passengers, was a casualty of war.

The ground crew brought him on board in a body bag. They laid him down between the jump seats and the cargo pallet, and covered him with Old Glory. At that moment, I felt the heat of shame in my face. Who was I to worry about a little lost sleep or a few extra hours on a plane when he had given his life in this war?

By this time, everyone on board had stood up out of respect and when they had "The Passenger" secure, the sergeant leading the crew called the plane to attention and barked a quick command. Every man and woman on that plane, from private to colonel immediately snapped a crisp salute in honor of the ultimate sacrifice made by "The Passenger." It was a moment of perfect unity. Every eye on that flag, every arm raised in respect, every breath caught in every throat for just one second.

With our respects paid, every-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Staff Sgt. John McIntosh prepares the casket to be carried by other Honor Guard members during a mock honors funeral.

one took his or her seat and prepared for take-off. I don't know about anyone else on that plane but I found myself contemplating what this passenger's sacrifice meant: to me, to our country, but mostly to his family. I found myself wondering what he gave up for the war on terror. Did he leave a wife behind when he deployed? Did he have children out there somewhere who would never see their father again? What about his parents, brothers and sisters? How would his family cope with his death?

Was the sacrifice he made for his country worth it? To his family, perhaps not. To the Iraqi families, maybe.

You see, I learned something else on this trip. I learned how the Iraqi people are living. Ramshackle houses... no cars... no central air, or any air conditioning for that matter, none of the so called 'modern conveniences.' I also learned that, thanks to our efforts, some of the kids are now able to go to school for the first time in years. Teachers are allowed to teach in multiple languages and cover subjects that were banned during the old regime.

Clinics are opening all over the country, doctors are no longer afraid that if they misdiagnose someone it will cost them their lives. That's right, there is no malpractice insurance in Iraq. A doctor at one of the clinics told

me that, under the old regime, if a doctor made a mistake, he paid for it with his life. So was "The Passenger's" sacrifice worth it? I guess it depends on your point of view.

Then I started thinking about my own family. How would my wife deal with my death if it came on this trip? Would my children be OK? How horrible would it be for my parents to outlive me? I thought of my brother and his family in California. How many times have I meant to call them only to get distracted and forget? I haven't seen them in almost four years. My sister in Illinois hasn't seen me in a couple of years either. When was the last time I called her? Why haven't I e-mailed her or my niece lately? I used to send her e-mails every week or so, but I seem to have let my oh-so-busy life get in the way of communicating with the ones I love. Do I write enough? Call enough? Definitely not! I think that's what it all comes down to.

We get so wrapped up in our lives that we forget about the other people in this world. We forget that not everyone lives in a free society. We forget that sometimes you have to stand up for people who can't stand up for themselves. We forget that we have a responsibility to the

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Got story ideas?

Sunburst wants to know your story!

We are constantly looking for story ideas for our newspaper. The stories and photos that appear in the Sunburst are, in part, the result of tips the staff members receive from Team Holloman.

The Sunburst is looking for stories ranging from

- Unit awards
- Unique hobbies
- Significant achievements
- Unusual pastimes

• Unit happenings that affect the base

• knowing or being related to someone famous

If you think you have the best job in the Air Force, give us a call! Tell us why so we can share your story with the base.

You don't have to write your own stories to get something in the paper. The newspaper staff members are trained journalists who can turn your ideas into stories.

The deadline for a submission is close of business Thursday, a week prior to publication.

The best way to get story ideas to the Sunburst staff is to e-mail them to 49fw.pa.sunburst@holloman.af.mil. People can also call the staff at 572-3515, fax the idea to 572-5908 or stop by the public affairs office in room 2800, the 49th Fighter Wing headquarters building.

DRUGS

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said Nikki Zurek, DDR manager. "If a person values their career, they won't take the risk of using drugs."

Drugs not only destroy a person's career; drugs also destroy their body.

"Besides the ill-effects that drugs themselves cause, people can cause additional damage because they never know what they're getting," said Lt. Col. Gordon Peters, 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron commander. "They could be injecting themselves with talcum powder, which can cause a blood clot or infection. If they smoke something, they could poison themselves or develop a severe lung burn from contaminants."

Some of the people testing

positive for drugs aren't buying them on the street, but finding them in their medicine cabinets.

"Controlled substances, prescription drugs like codeine, will come up on a drug screening," Zurek said. "As long as the prescription is current and in their name, the individual has nothing to worry about."

There is a cause for worry if the prescription is not found in their medical history.

"People get into trouble for using their spouse's prescriptions," Zurek said. "They may take a family member's Tylenol with codeine for back pain or headaches. That's illegal drug use."

The individual may have had a prescription for the drug a year ago. He may decide to use the leftover medication for similar symptoms, Zurek said. But the prescription must be current ac-

cording to the label and used as directed or it is illegal drug use.

"People like to self-medicate," she said. "But they need to see a doctor and get the prescription legally."

Zurek also urges members to use caution when using herbs or body building supplements.

"People shouldn't purchase substances from an unreliable source or from outside of the United States," she said. "There's no way to tell what you're getting, so the best thing to do is go to the GNC on base where all of the herbs and supplements are approved. In addition, the ingestion of products containing or products derived from hemp seed or hemp seed oil is prohibited."

According to Zurek, the consequences of drug use vary depending on the situation.

"The Drug Demand Reduction Program is about deterring drug use to maintain mission readiness, not just to catch criminals," said Capt. Michelle Wine, DDR element chief. "With the critical implications for mission readiness – being ready to deploy at a moment's notice – the program gives commanders confidence that their troops are free of substances that could jeopardize the mission."

Demand Reduction Update

Number tested this year: 516

Positive drug tests this year: 2

Positive drug tests last year: 16

(The DRU statistics reflect FY 2004.)



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents Nov. 11 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued 20 tickets: one for aggravated battery on a household member, one for damage to government property, two for drivers involved in an accident and deemed responsible, one for driving without a license, three for expired registration, four for parking violations, two for simple possession of a controlled substance, two for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, and four for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Nov. 12 – Two airmen and a family member were involved in a three-way privately owned vehicle accident behind building 35.
- Nov. 13 – An airman reported her military identification card was stolen.
- Nov. 17 – An airman driving a POV struck the rear end of another POV while turning a corner near the Shifting Sands dining facility.

Patrol response

- Nov. 12 – An airman reported another airman had verbally threatened him.
- Nov. 12 – An airman reported arguing and glass breaking within base housing, resulting in the finding of aggravated battery against another airman by a family member and damage to government property.
- Nov. 14 – A family member reported a fire in base housing.
- Nov. 15 – A family member was barred from base after he made verbal threats against an airman.
- Nov. 15 – An airman was charged with Article 31 for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor on base.
- Nov. 16 – An NCO reported he was bitten by a dog while walking down the sidewalk on Otero Loop.
- Nov. 16 – An Army and Air Forces Exchange Service security officer reported a civilian vendor had been robbed at the Base Exchange.
- Nov. 16 – Two juvenile family members were advised of their fifth amendment rights and issued DD Form 1805's for violation of 21 USC844, simple possession of a controlled substance.
- Nov. 17 – An airman reported an unknown individual ran by his dorm room and tossed a bottle onto his floor.

Civil Arrest

- Nov. 12 – An airman was arrested for driving under the influence by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety.
- Nov. 16 – An airman was arrested by Alamogordo DPS for failure to provide immediate notice of an accident and reckless driving.

Information solicitation

Watch out for Red Flags

Staff Sgt DeLora L. Silva

*Wing Information
Assurance Office*

What would it take to carry out a terrorist attack against a U.S. military installation or its personnel?

Would it take de-

cadres of planning and access to volumes of classified?

Sadly, no. All

it would take

is a phone

call to any

one of us

who is will-

ing to dis-

close the

unclassi-

fied de-

tails of

our job,

personnel and/or installation.

Most people think, “But

nobody would do that.” Un-

fortunately, that’s a miscon-

ception. Just the other day

someone in my office de-

cided to see how much infor-

mation they could collect

from someone about their life—details that they had no reason or right to ask for...

In just under a half-hour they learned the person’s commute schedule, duty hours, home address, education level, job experience, and interests. More im-

portantly, they

established

a rap-

port. T h e

person

liked

a n d

trusted

my co-

worker

e n o u g h

to share

that infor-

mation after knowing them

for only a half-hour. What do

you think we could learn dur-

ing their next meeting?

Since we know the individual

has an interest in the cars at

Sertoma Speedway, where do

you think we’ll run into them

next...?

RED FLAG!

If someone asks about things they have no reason to know—that should be a RED FLAG that they are soliciting information.

GAME

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According to the game box, “You’ve been appointed a joint air-component commander and must assemble your forces to deploy and fight the enemy. As you accumulate air expeditionary squadrons and wings, remember the words of the Air Force chief of staff, ‘Victory belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate information and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe.’”

In classic Monopoly risk-taking, deal-making style, players compete to control aircraft, rocket and satellite properties, Burton said. Instead of traditional houses and hotels, the Air Force edition features air expeditionary squadrons and air expeditionary wings.

“Also, the chance and community chest cards have been changed to airman’s legacy and commander’s call cards, with

comments referring to the Air Force,” Burton said.

Players navigate the board with a B-2 Spirit, an air traffic control tower, the F/A-22 Raptor, a satellite, an unmanned aerial vehicle or a C-17 Globemaster III. Even the money is custom made to complement the Air Force theme.

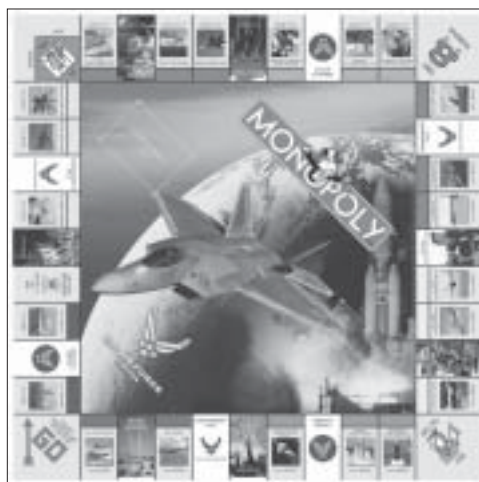
The Air Force edition comes after the success of the Army Monopoly game in August 2002, Burton said.

Officials plan to stock the game for as long as customers demand the product, Burton said. Based on sales of the Army edition — the No. 1 board game sold

Sample Red Flags

Some questions to watch out for:

- “How many people from Holloman are deployed?”
- “Wow, you have a cool job—do you see a lot of classified stuff?”
- “From what you are purchasing I’d say you are deploying—when/where are you going? How many others are going with you?”
- “I just want to look around, can you get me on base?”
- “I’ve never seen a military base before; could you take some pictures for me?”
- “This is Jenny from InfoTech systems...do you have a minute?”
- “I was in the military back in ‘76. Who’s the Commander there now? Back when I was in, Commanders had the best quarters—where is yours housed?”



Courtesy graphic

Air Force Edition Monopoly will be available at base exchanges beginning Dec. 1.

by AAFES — Burton said the Air Force edition is expected to be as successful or better.

Customers can purchase the game online at www.aafes.com starting Nov. 18 and in stores beginning Dec. 1.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Here she comes...

Left to right: Valen Ainslie and Cristin Luke are crowned Miss Youth and Little Miss Youth Holloman during the Keystone Club's 2003 Miss Little Miss and Miss Youth Holloman Nov. 14, at the community center. Seven contestants were judged in four categories: casual wear, talent, evening wear and an interview.

49 LRS civilian calculates success

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

When the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Cost Center manager started in July of 2002, he had to balance a \$92,000 budget.

That budget rose to \$1.3 million after the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron was formed in October 2003 from the 49th Logistics Support Squadron, 49th Supply Squadron and 49th Transportation Squadron.

Because he successfully balanced that budget and for other financial accomplishments throughout the year, Jeff Sieler was chosen as Air Combat Command's Cost Center Manager of the Year.

"One of the key challenges in forming LRS last year was budget and resources," said Lt. Col. Calvin Butts, 49th LRS commander. "The infrastructure from all these squadrons had suffered from neglect for some years and needed immediate triage. Sieler was absolutely indispensable in helping the squadron pull together a disciplined budget which allowed us to success-

fully marshal our resources into the mission areas with the greatest need."

One mission area in need was vehicle maintenance.

In the past, vehicle maintenance had only been able to use their allotted funds – two-thirds of the entire budget – on vehicle parts. Sieler created a revised spend plan that allowed for temporary duty's to be included as well.

"It was the first time vehicle maintenance got to use their money for anything other than parts," Sieler said. "I was very strict on them and made them be responsible with their money."

According to Sieler, awards are an important way to show people they're doing a good job.

"I'm proud my peers think enough of me to put me in for this award," Sieler said. "I



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Jeff Sieler analyzes the 2004 budget for the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

think it's always nice to recognize your people."

Sieler said without teamwork, he couldn't have accomplished all he did. Not only did several resource advisors help Sieler win the award, so did the people who supported his spend plan.

"I can develop the numbers and hold people to a spend plan, but more than 500 people in this squadron made it work," Sieler said. "By sticking to the spend plan, we were able to do nice things for the squadron while keeping the mission going."

Holloman Hero

Airman 1st Class Chul Chung

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty title: Mobility apprentice

Time in service: One year and eight months

Time at Holloman: One year and three months

Hometown: Los Angeles

Personal and career goals:

I'm currently working towards completing my Community College of the Air Force degree. My future plan is to earn a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering. It is also my goal to be selected for senior airman below the zone and eventually apply for officer training school.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

The Air Force has given me the chance to better myself through education and the opportunity to serve my country.

What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?

I'm proud to be a part of the mobility team. Together we issued over 1,000 bags to deploying members in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"

Airman 1st Class Chung is a high-speed low-drag individual who lives by a higher set of standards. Everything he does from maintaining his dorm room and uniform appearance on up portrays the image of a professional service member we like to see in all of our airmen. His accomplish-



Photo by Airman Stephen Collier

ishments earned him the Squadron Look Sharp award for July and August 2003, an unprecedented two consecutive months. Chung was one of our flight's keys to success when the wing deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, playing an important part issuing protective gear to individuals deploying to forward areas, keeping them safe from possible chemical attacks, adverse weather and extreme heat.

The whole person concept is

not lost on this airman. He volunteered to be the squadron dorm advisor, and is taking night classes to earn his CCAF and improve his art skills.

– **Lt. Col. Calvin Butts**

*49th Logistics
Readiness Squadron*

*The Holloman Hero
submission form is now
online.*

*It can be downloaded at:
<https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/>*

LESSON

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people of this world, and not because we are a super power or have the best military in the world, but simply because we all share this planet. We forget that, for good or bad, what one person does affects everyone.

What we can't forget is that we never know when the moment of our death will come. Don't forget to tell the people

who are most important to you how much you love them and how much you miss them. Don't forget to take time out of your 'busy' schedule and call your family and friends. Don't forget to do something today that will make a difference tomorrow, so that when your time comes someone can say 'Thank you for the sacrifices you made, you had a profound impact on my life.'

So to "The Passenger," I say thank you. Thank you for serv-

ing your country. Thank you for standing up for people who can't stand up for themselves. Thank you for making the ultimate sacrifice. Most importantly, thank you for making me realize that our time on this earth is never certain and we'd better do our best to make it worthwhile. May you find peace and happiness wherever you may be.

Now, if you will excuse me, I have to go call my kids, my parents, my brother, my sister...

AF Crossword:

Northern Lights

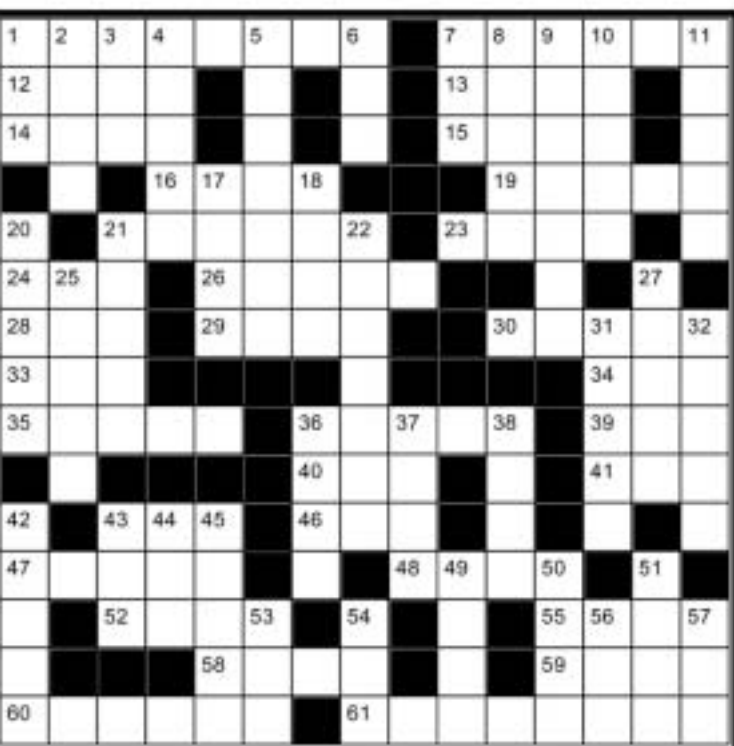
ACROSS

1. PACOM exercise ____
Edge
7. Region northern Alaska is
part of
12. Fencing sword
13. Part
14. Letter opener?
15. Chinese seed used for
healing
16. Track
19. Intelligent
21. Popular Alaska fish
23. Arrival times (abbrev.)
24. Pie ____ mode
26. Type of bear found in
Alaska
28. Ride home?
29. AFB in Korea
30. Second letters of Greek
alphabet
33. Oxygen
34. Persona
35. Famous psychiatrist
36. Even
39. *Lord of the Rings* person
40. Shoe size
41. British afternoon drink
43. NBA Basketball execu-
tive ____ Jackson
46. "City of a thousand and
one churches"; ancient
Armenian town
47. Bravery
48. Built an arc
52. Holes
55. Mocked
58. Saga
59. Late show host
60. Northern Light; _____
Borealis
61. NAF for Alaska

DOWN

1. Homer's neighbor on *The
Simpsons*
2. Ajar
3. Actor Stephen ____ of *The
Crying Game*
4. ____ firma; solid earth
5. Native Americans in northern
Alaska
6. Bother
7. Part of a circle
8. Nest
9. Weather condition
10. State established on Decem-
ber 29, 1845
11. Talks
17. Pet food maker
18. 1999 movie *Run ____ Run*
20. MAJCOM responsible for AK
21. Fencing sword
22. Sturdy yellow or buff cotton
cloth
25. Dens
27. F-15 _____
31. Under Secretary of the Air
Force Peter ____
32. Couches
36. Shakespeare play *King ____*
37. Vessel used to carry used
blood to the heart
38. Singer Ford
42. Eighth letter of the Greek
alphabet
43. Tree residue
44. Three
45. State
49. Shrek was one
50. Revolutionary martyr Nathan

51. Let
53. Resort
54. Frozen water
56. Writing tool
57. Homer saying on *The
Simpsons*



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Thanksgiving closures

Main Store: Closed
Furniture Store: Closed
Military clothing: Closed
Mini mall: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza: Closed
Frank's Franks: Closed
Robin Hood: Closed
Popeye's Chicken: Closed
Theater: Closed
Beauty Shop: Closed
Barber Shop: Closed
Dry Cleaners: Closed
Alterations: Closed
Optical Shop: Closed
Flower Shop: Closed
Rental Car: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone only)
Olive Branch: Closed
GNC: Closed
McDonald's: 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

FSC

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

Spouse employment workshop:
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday.

Key spouse appreciation day: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday.

The FSC closes at 3 p.m., Mondays in November. For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Thrift Store hours

The Thrift Store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignment hours are 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The store is run by volunteers only, and the consignment desk will close if manning falls short. The Thrift Store will close at noon, Thursday for training, and is closed Tuesday and Thursday.

CE kids' Christmas party

Volunteers are needed to help with the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron's Childrens' Christmas Party Dec. 13.

For more information, call 479-1125.

Red Cross

The Red Cross schedule of events is as follows:

Babysitters training: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday in Alamogordo.

Community first aid and safety: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 6 in Alamogordo.

Basic first aid: 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 9 in



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

This won't hurt a bit...

Tammi Maese, Donor Care Specialist, prepares to draw blood from Terri Escobar at a blood drive Nov. 7. The next blood drive on base is in January.

Alamogordo.

For more information, call the Holloman Red Cross at 572-7066.

Christmas parade

This year's Christmas parade is 6 p.m., Dec. 6. Volunteers are still needed for traffic and crowd control the night of the parade. To volunteer, e-mail lisa.gallegos@holloman.af.mil or john.graves@holloman.af.mil.

Individuals interested in entering the parade can pick up an entry and information form at the Chamber of Commerce or call 437-6120. For more information, call Alana Stillwell at 434-0285 or e-mail her at alana.stillwell@holloman.af.mil.

HazMart giveaway

Paints and other items are available for free issue at the HazMart. The program allows authorized users access to a variety of hazardous chemical items free of charge. To participate, your shop must be authorized for the item and the item must be in HazMart's free issue area.

For more information, call the HazMart at 572-7899, 572-3093 or 572-7608.

CPTS closure

The 49th Comptroller Squadron is closed from 1 to 4 p.m., today for a commander's

call and Thanksgiving Celebration. For emergencies, call 491-4845.

Office closures

The housing management, housing maintenance, furnishings management, dormitory management and self-help offices are closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., today for an office function. Housing maintenance will be taking emergency only calls during this time. All offices will reopen at 1 p.m. for regular business. The phone number for maintenance is 572-7901. For more information, call the housing management office at 572-3982.

Thunderbirds team

The Air Force Thunderbirds are accepting applications for three demonstration pilots, operations officer, executive officer and public affairs officer for the 2005-2006 demonstration seasons. Packages must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2004.

For more information about applicant and package requirements, call (702) 652-9584 or (702) 652-2278.

Car seat safety training

Family Advocacy Outreach Prevention Services has free car seat safety technician training Feb. 25 to 28 in Las Cruces. Train-

ees will be certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Registration ends Dec. 12.

For more information, call Kim McLemore at 572-7022.

DAPS closure

The DAPS central facility is closed Wednesday through Nov. 28. Make all reproduction requests in accordance with the closure.

For more information, call Erica Heinze at 572-7124 or Capt. Phillip Parker at 572-5696.

Native American Month

The Native American Heritage Month committee hosts the following events Monday:

Dance presentation by the Mescalero Apache Dance Group: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the community activities center

Traditional Native American lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Shifting Sands Dining Facility.

The group also has static displays set up at the community activities center and library during November.

For more information, call Senior Airman Benjamin Lomas at 572-5778 or Master Sgt. Carolyn Peeler at 572-5507.

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There are no movies
scheduled for this week.



Tax relief aids military, families

by K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

Legislation signed by President George W. Bush on Nov. 11 increases the death gratuity payment to \$12,000 and provides that the full payment is tax-free.

That portion of the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 is retroactive to Sept. 10, 2001, to provide for servicemembers who died in the terrorist attacks the following day and in the ongoing global war on terror, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, director of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

"If you are killed on active duty, regardless of whether you're in theater, or in a training accident or die from disease, your family receives \$12,000 death gratuity that is not taxed," she said. "And that's a big change. In addition, any future increases to the death gratuity will remain tax-free."

The death gratuity has been \$6,000 since 1991, with half of it being taxed, she said. "It just didn't seem to be fair for the military family who was left grieving for their servicemember to get hit with a tax bill," Fenton said.

Capital-gain exclusion for home sales is one of the most common areas people were looking for tax relief in, Fenton said.

"This act will allow members to suspend the period of time which they have to sell their home and take the tax exclusion so they won't have to pay that capital gains," she said. "It's retroactive to 1997 so military members who have sold their homes since 1997 have one year from Nov. 11, 2003, to request a refund for any tax they did pay."

Since 1997, when the law was previously changed, if servicemembers who owned a home got reassigned more than

50 miles from that home or were ordered to move on post, they were no longer able to roll over the gain from that sale to the next home they purchased.

Also since 1997, individuals could exclude up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 for married couples) of gain from the sale of a home if they resided in it for two of the five years preceding the sale. Under this act, military and foreign service people can suspend (for up to 10 years) the time transferred away from home on official extended duty for purposes of applying the five-year portion of the two-out-of-five-year rule.

The 2003 act also includes above-the-line deduction for overnight travel expenses of military reservists and National Guardsmen who have to travel more than 100 miles to attend drills or meetings.

"The act allows for an above-

the-line, which means you don't have to itemize your taxes to take advantage of this deduction," Fenton said. "(Servicemembers will) be able to deduct unreimbursed travel expenses such as lodging, 50 percent of meals and any transportation costs." This part of the act is retroactive to Jan. 1.

When the tax code changed in 1986, it allowed any military benefit existing in September 1986 to remain tax-free, Fenton said. However, it was always unclear whether military child care was included in that, she added.

"This act merely makes it clear that those provisions of child care were intended to be tax-free to military members," she said.

The tax act also provides for extra tax-filing time for servicemembers serving in contingency operations. The internal revenue code allows

servicemembers who are serving in combat zones or hazardous-duty areas to have an extension of time — usually 180 days from the time the person leaves the combat zone — to file taxes.

"A lot of military operations don't rise to the level of being declared by the president as 'combat,'" Fenton said. "But there are several contingency operations where servicemembers are outside the continental United States."

The act also includes modifying eligibility criteria of tax-exempt veterans organizations; tax-free treatment of homeowners' assistance program payments; suspension of tax-exempt status for designated terrorist organizations; and extension of victims' tax relief to astronauts who die on space missions.

Officials remind people about discrimination, harassment hotline

The Air Force's hotline for reporting unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment remains open for business.

Officials are reminding Air Force people that the quickest method to resolve complaints is by visiting the local base Military Equal Opportunity or the Equal Employment Office.

"But the hotline is here for anyone who thinks they need to call, whenever they need to call," said Greg Den Herder, the personnel center's executive director.

The phone numbers are (800) 616-3375, DSN 665-5000, or commercial (210) 565-5000. Personnel overseas without easy access to overseas lines can email contact.center@randolph.af.mil, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> to send webmail or chat live with a customer service representative. Letters can also be sent to the MEO office at HQ AFPC/DPSFOS, 550 C Street West Post K, Randolph AFB, TX 78150.

Officials said they accept calls from Air Force active duty, their family members, retirees, civilian employees and cadets at Air Force commissioning sources.

Callers with a discrimination or sexual harassment concern are forwarded to a qualified military equal opportunity coun-

selor. Counselors explain to callers the options to pursue a complaint. All complaints are channeled to the proper authority, officials said. Counselors take calls from 7:30 a.m. - to 4:30 p.m. Central time. After hours voice mail takes messages. Counselors return phone calls the following duty day, officials said. For emergencies, people should contact a supervisor, commander, command post, or the police, officials said. (AFPN)

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Air Force News brief

DoD looking for motivated officers

The Department of Defense has allocated a minimum of two Air Force slots for nominees to participate in the 2004 Executive Leadership Development Program, scheduled to begin in September.

This program is designed specifically for highly motivated, active duty officers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, commitment to public service, integrity, and who have an interest in moving into senior management positions. While placed in simulated environments, these officers must be able to operate in real-life situations which involve short deadlines, be receptive to a unique training methodology whereby the participants assume responsibility for their learning, and have the ability to conceptualize and analyze problems effectively. Military participants contribute a vital perspective on the missions, operations, culture and customs of the military and in-

turn, learn from their civilian counterparts and senior managers/executives. These shared experiences enrich both military and civilian participants who aspire for further leadership roles.

To be eligible, an officer must be a major and have completed squadron officer school and intermediate developmental education, either in-residence or by correspondence/seminar. Civilian candidates were selected by the annual civilian competitive development board that convened in September 2003. Active duty military personnel must apply to HQ AFPC/DPAPE by Feb. 15. Additional information is available on the Air Force Personnel Center website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme>. For more information or to apply for the program, stop by the military personnel flight customer service element or call them at 572-0369. (AFPC News)



Photo by Airman Stephen Collier

Fit to fight

Left to right: Capt. Janet West, 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron public health chief takes Staff Sgt. Michelle Goss' blood pressure at the 49th Fighter Wing Fitness Fair Nov. 14 at the Fitness and Sports Center.

Monthly Wing Run Schedule

Team Holloman should meet at the designated location at least 15 minutes prior to start time.

December

3 p.m., Dec. 5 at the Fitness and Sports Center.

January 2004

7 a.m., Jan. 6 at the Fitness and Sports Center.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Nighthawks get stage fright in Clovis

Team Holloman loses twice to Cannon Showtime in weekend doubleheader

by Airman

Stephen Collier

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Cannon Air Force Base Showtime's last minute free throws sealed their 77-67 victory over Team Holloman Sunday in Clovis.

After recovering from their 78-57 loss to Cannon the day before, Nighthawk coach Clarence Mitchell said his team was pumped for the second match.

"Our shooting percentage from last game is what hurt us," said Mitchell. "We admit there were mistakes, but we are ready."

"Our overall success from the last game was all about teamwork," said Stanley Carter, Showtime coach.

"All we need to do is focus our defense and we'll take this one."

Holloman took the opening jump ball and darted down the court only to be fouled, placing guard Mario Norman at the line. Cannon took the ball back and dominated the opening minutes, ratcheting the score to 21-11 with help from three-point shots by forward Anthony Shives.

Two minutes of strong defenses passed and both teams stood their ground until Hawks forward Kendrill Jackson sunk a jump shot to bring the score to 30-25 at the half.

Cannon's offense came on harder than ever in the second half. Slam dunks by forward Terrance Gist rallied a

hostile crowd that showed Holloman no mercy.

The Nighthawks pushed on with big, three-point plays by point guard Charles Bates adding to the score of 64-48. Even with a technical foul called on Bates, Team Holloman pushed on with a foul on an attempted three pointer by Showtime forward Richard Coleman.

With the score 74-67 and less than a minute on the clock, Cannon took control of the ball and forced Holloman to foul. Cannon added three more points to the board and the time clock ended with a final score of 77-67.

"It was really luck that got us through this second game," said Cannon coach Carter. "Holloman made it tough with their speed and

kept us on our toes. But, without team work and our top player Terrance Gist, it wouldn't have happened."

Nighthawk coach Mitchell saw otherwise.

"We've got lots of work to do," he said. "It's definitely back to the drawing board. We have to look at ourselves and see what we are doing wrong. We just need to lay down some tactics and execute them. We'll need that against Davis-Monahan."

The Nighthawks are scheduled to play Davis-Monahan AFB in early December.



Photo by Airman Stephen Collier

Cannon AFB forward Terrance Gist slams the ball during their 77-67 win against the Nighthawks Sunday.

TOUCHDOWN CHALLENGE

The Touchdown Challenge is a weekly competition between the 49th Fighter Wing, its groups and Holloman tenant units. A different person from each unit makes the picks each week. The winner each week gets a free meal from the Oasis Enlisted Club. Congratulations to Emil Brupbacher with nine correct picks last week..





This week's games:

NFL

- 49ers at Packers
- Panthers at Cowboys
- Seahawks at Ravens
- Steelers at Browns
- Redskins at Dolphins
- Giants at Bucs

NCAA

- W. Virginia at Syracuse
- Ga. Tech. at Virginia
- Ohio St. at Michigan
- LSU at Mississippi
- Oregon St. at Oregon
- Wash. St. at Washington

FW	OG	MDG	MXG	MMG	MSG	ADC
						
ET Faulkner	Maj. Joe Kopacz	Senior Airman Felix Cardenas	Master Sgt. Mark Parish	Airman 1st Class Lane Workman	Senior Airman Eric Dayton	Staff Sgt. Tony Willis
NFL: Packers, Cowboys, Ravens, Steelers, Redskins and Bucs NCAA: W. Virginia, Virginia, Mich., LSU, Oregon St. and Wash. St.	NFL: Packers, Panthers,Seahawks, Steelers, Redskins and Bucs NCAA: W. Virginia, Ga. Tech., Mich., LSU, Oregon and Wash.	NFL: Packers, Cowboys, Seahawks, Steelers, Dolphins and Bucs NCAA: W. Virginia, Ga. Tech., Ohio St., LSU, Oregon St. and Wash. St.	NFL: Packers, Cowboys, Ravens, Browns, Dolphins and Bucs NCAA: Syracuse, Virginia, Mich., LSU, Oregon and Wash. St.	NFL: Packers, Cowboys, Seahawks, Steelers, Dolphins and Bucs NCAA: Syracuse, Virginia, Ohio St., LSU, Oregon and Wash. St.	NFL: Packers, Cowboys, Seahawks, Steelers, Dolphins and Bucs NCAA: W. Virginia, Virginia, Ohio St., LSU, Oregon St. and Wash.	NFL: Packers, Cowboys, Seahawks, Browns, Dolphins and Bucs NCAA: W.Virginia, Virginia, Ohio St., LSU, Oregon and Wash.

